

REMARKS:

Claims 1, 3-6, 10, and 12-15 have been revised solely to improve the form thereof. Such revisions are not necessitated by prior art.

The requirement for election of species among the following patentably distinct inventions:

- I. Species I: Figure 1
- II. Species II: Figure 2
- III. Species III: Figure 3
- IV. Species IV: Figure 4
- V. Species V: Figure 5

is respectfully traversed. Claims 1 and 10 are generic to each of the above identified species and are considered to be patentable over the prior art. Thus, applicant is entitled to an examination of all of these species. It is also noted that claims 2, 3, 11, and 12 are subgeneric in that they read on each of Species I, II, III, and IV.

Applicant provisionally elects Species III, i.e., an invention represented by Figure 3. Claims 1-3, 5, 10-12 and 14 read on the elected species.

CONCLUSION:

Wherefore, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

This Amendment does not increase the number of independent claims, does not increase the total number of claims, and does not present any multiple dependency claims. Accordingly, no fee based on the number or type of claims is currently due. However, if a fee, other than the issue fee, is due, please charge this fee to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood's Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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